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Requirements from S/TF.

A. Specifically for Czechoslovakia

A variety of evidence suggests that Czechoslovakia may play a central role in Bloc-West economic relationships. In what ways does Czechoslovakia serve as an inter-mediary between other Bloc countries and the West? (e.g. Czech membership in international bodies, as the sole Bloc members and representing the rest of the Bloc; Czechoslovakia serving as a broker for Swiss francs or sterling for the rest of the Bloc; the Czech State Bank providing correspondent relationships with Western banks for Bloc banks; Czechoslovakia serving as agent in purchase and sale of gold and precious metals by other Bloc countries.)

B. For each European Satellite

1. Copies of trade or payments agreements or protocols between members of the Bloc.

2. The amount of Satellite indebtedness to the Soviet Union and the terms (interest rate, duration of loans, conditions of repayment) of repayment; also the amount of Satellite indebtedness to a) other Satellites b) the West, terms of repayment, and changes in the level of this indebtedness over time.

3. Soviet exploitation of Satellite economies - information indicating techniques, methods and policies, (and changes in these) used to mulct the Satellites (e.g., prices charged by the USSR to Satellites for Soviet exports and the services of Soviet technicians, and prices paid by the USSR for Satellite goods and services; volume and value of trade between USSR and each Satellite; terms of Soviet purchases of Satellite uranium ore, gold or other precious metals.)

4. Satellite financing of foreign trade - internal financial mechanisms and organizations by which exports are purchased from producing enterprises at domestic prices; sold to foreigners at foreign trade prices and through which the loss or gain resulting from the difference between domestic and foreign trade prices is made up or collected. Ratios of internal domestic prices to foreign trade prices for specific export and import items (e.g. - the Czech crown-ruble ratio for exports to and/or imports from the USSR, another Satellite, Communist China and the West.)

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5. Bloc financial settlements - copies of CECA - sponsored agreement relating to Bloc multilateral settlements, or information concerning the techniques of such settlements and the actual debit or credit balances of each Bloc country at the end of each month or each year.

6. Payments to and/or receipts from other Bloc countries for intra-Bloc sales of services (e.g. earnings of Poland from USSR and GDR for rail carriage of Soviet-GDR Commodity trade; GDR payments to USSR (in DME) for support of Soviet occupation forces; interest and amortization payments of Satellite to USSR on Soviet loans; intra-Bloc payments and receipts on non-commercial transactions.

7. Intra-Bloc economic coordination - evidences of increased or decreased economic integration and coordination.

8. Trade Data - Statistics of commodity trade of each Satellite with USSR, each other Satellite, Communist China and the West, annually (especially for Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Albania and Bulgaria).

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